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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

SUBJECT: U.S. TOURISM MISSION

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TOURISM, C. LANGHORNE WASHBURN IS LEADING A HIGH LEVEL U.S. TOURISM TEAM TO THE SOVIET UNION SEPTEMBER 15-25. U.S. TEAM INCLUDES MANY BOARD CHAIRMEN, PRESIDENTS, TOP U.S. HOTELIERS AND TOUR OPERATORS, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION AND BANKING. DISCUSSION WILL BE HAD WITH NIKITIN AND BOYCHENKO OF SOVIET TOURISM ORGANIZATIONS ON WAYS TO INCREASE TOURISM BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

2. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR GROUP TO BE IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 16-18, VISITING LENINGRAD, KIEV, TBILISI SEPTEMBER 19-22, THEN IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 23-24 FOR FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. DETAILED TRAVEL PLANS TO FOLLOW.

3. U.S. TEAM WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT 50 PEOPLE (HUSBANDS AND WIVES) COMPLETE ROSTER OF NAMES AND POSITIONS TO BE SENT SEPTEL ASAP. TEAM WILL BE JOINED SEPTEMBER 15 BY LEWIS BOWDEN, ACTING DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE, WHOSE TRAVEL PLANS BEING NOTIFIED BY SEPTEL TO UNCLASSIFIED

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4. GROUP WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD  
ARRANGE RECEPTION FOR U.S. TEAM AND SOVIET COUNTERPARTS  
IN EMBASSY RESIDENCE EARLY EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 18.  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WASHBURN WOULD DEFRAY COST OF  
RECEPTION AND WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER RECEPTION  
POSSIBLE AT YOUR EARLY CONVENIENCE. INGERSOLL

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